MMI—AmeriCorps Program

Geographic Area Served: Omaha metropolitan area and rural areas including Columbus, Hastings, and Nebraska City

Program Mission/Purpose: The mission of the Munroe-Meyer Institute (MMI) AmeriCorps program is to enhance and improve the lives of children with disabilities and their families. We do this by finding ways to extend MMI's current clinical services into their home and school environments. MMI AmeriCorps is also dedicated to the inclusion of individuals with disabilities into

national and community service.



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Volunteer Opportunities Available: AmeriCorps members will identify needs in the disabled community and will recruit volunteers on National Service days to participate in the provision of these services.

Number of AmeriCorps Members: 20 members. Full-time, part-time, quarter-time, and minimal time slots available (10 FTE)

Member Profile: A variety of positions are offered throughout the Institute in MMI disciplines. (Psychology, Recreation Therapy, The Brace Place, Education, etc). Each position has different requirements.



Services Provided by AmeriCorps Members: AmeriCorps members enhance and extend MMI's services to children with disabilities by:

- Psychology assistants work directly with patients in the clinic and in the school setting to help families implement recommendations provided by psychologists.
- Project BEST-CASE members work in an intensive day treatment center teaching academic, social, and behavioral skills to children with autism. They also participate in program evaluation activities.
- Members working in Recreation Therapy provide 1:1 supervision to children with a variety of disabilities. They teach social, leisure, and daily living skills to children participating in the program. Members also work with staff members to provide education in their areas of expertise (ex. Sign language, the use of assistive technology)
- Members who work in The Brace Place will learn to assist in the development of braces, wheelchairs, and other assistive devices and will work directly with patients to ensure their satisfaction with services
- Members working in the Education department will facilitate a Toddler Play Group in the local school district to offer education opportunities for children ages 3-5.

Locations Members are in Service: Munroe-Meyer Institute – Omaha, Children and Adolescent Clinic – Hastings, Physician's Clinic – Nebraska City and Columbus Community Hospital Pediatric Practice – Columbus, Nebraska.

Target Client/Beneficiary Population Served: MMI AmeriCorps provides services to children with disabilities and their families in the Omaha metro area and in various rural outreach clinics.